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September 12, 1960

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Platz:

Your recent letter to the President pleased him very much, and he has asked me to send you the enclosed card expressing his personal thanks.

At the President's direction, the matter about which you write, together with the clipping you enclosed, is being referred to the appropriate officials of the Government.

Although belated, the President and Mrs. Eisenhower send you their warm greetings on your fifty-ninth wedding anniversary.

Sincerely,

Gerald D. Morgan  
The Deputy Assistant to the President

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Platz



Enclosure -- "Thank you card."

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John Edgar Hoover

Washington D.C.

Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> 1960

Our dear Mr. President

Respectfully referred  
for attention and  
appropriate handling.

Executive I.C.I.A.  
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We are sure your records will show we have been 100% for you during the past eight years, and that means, everything you said and did.

Enclosed is clipping from the N.Y. Herald Tribune of Aug 25<sup>th</sup> which explains itself. We feel that we should in some way get this data before all the people in the U.S. and if possible to our allies abroad.

Sincerely  
Mr + Mrs. A. J. Pity

P.S. We are 80 years old, and married 59 years on Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 1960

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## Today in World Affairs

# Skimpy Reporting of Talk By Allen Dulles Deplored

By David Lawrence

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The United States government is sometimes at a disadvantage in the propaganda battle with the Soviets. While the press of this country, which reaches the American people, recently gave columns upon columns of news about the Powers trial, no comparable coverage has been given to one of the most important pronouncements just made by a spokesman for the American government who dealt with some of the basic issues involved in that trial.



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Thus, Allen W. Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, which has been under attack by the Russians, happened to make a speech before the annual convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Detroit on Monday night of this week. The text of the speech was given out late that afternoon. But the morning papers of the next day printed only a brief version as condensed by the press services.

It is most unfortunate that the American press services did not distribute the full text of a speech such as Allen Dulles delivered. He is probably the best informed man in America on what goes on behind the Iron Curtain. He is a non-political appointee. He himself has said that, during the ten years he has been with the Central Intelligence Agency, a "mountain of hard evidence on Communist intrigue" has passed over his desk. Here are some significant excerpts from his address before the Veterans

of Foreign Wars: "To protect their security the spy phobia is being exploited by the Soviets with attacks on our planes and harassments of our tourists."

"Well-publicized trials and the imprisonment of our RB-47 airmen are all calculated in Khrushchev's view to bring pressures to bear to help preserve the secrecy of military preparations."

"By these tactics Khrushchev hopes to prevent the free world from gaining the knowledge which may be essential to our own security. Behind this shield, rejecting the President's proposals for adequate inspection and open skies, the Kremlin believes that it is free to prepare for a surprise attack on the free world in relative security."

"The United States is today their major target. And yet, though I believe this is patently demonstrable, there is a dangerously complacent attitude among many people in our country. Too many, motivated by wishful thinking, grasp at every Soviet whim—their every call for coexistence, their grandiose and impracticable schemes for universal disarmament and emotional pleas to ban the bomb..."

### "Blueprint for Conquest"

"The Communists have a blueprint for conquest. It is not a rigid plan detailing exactly when and where every nail will be driven. It is, rather, a flexible plan permitting the Communists to adjust realistically to changing conditions in the

"For the second time in recent history, we have had an antagonist tell us in advance both by word and by action what he proposes to do. Hitler in 'Mein Kampf' gave the world a clear picture of his intentions. We paid little attention to it until too late and he had moved on to the attack. We cannot afford to ignore the present and even more precise warnings in which the Communists have been giving us..."

"During the years immediately ahead it seems more likely that the immediate danger we face on a world basis will be Communist political, economic and subver-

sive action and penetration; not a hot or nuclear war."

"Maybe many people in this country will be taught a new lesson in communism because Khrushchev, right at our doorstep, is applying his methods and techniques. He is perverting a revolutionary movement which initially had the support of some estimable people but which now is in the throes of a Communist take-over. Cuba is not the only country, though it is the one nearest to us, where such a process is under way."

"Are we alerted fully to this kind of danger, and are we prepared to do all that we can to see that this development does not occur in a dozen or more countries elsewhere in the world?..."

"Today, it is relatively easy to get the man power and the money for the vital needs of military defense. This is as it should be. But it is desperately difficult to get the tools and the funds that the government needs to meet the present and threatening danger of non-military Soviet penetration and subversion; the corruption by communism of vast areas of the free world."

This is a speech which should have been given comprehensive treatment with adequate quotations in the press of the United States. In some of the morning newspapers reaching the capital of the United States there was only a fragmentary reference to the speech, and yet it was undoubtedly the American government's rejoinder to the whole Powers trial publicity which filled so many columns in American newspapers."

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